

SUSSEX POLO

ALL YEAR POLO IN SUSSEX

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New Polo Manager 'Coup'!

Sussex Polo is delighted to announce the appointment of **Jason Coupe** to the position of Polo Manager for summer 2011.

Jason's equine career started with show jumping and represented England on several occasions. He was trained by and rode for John and Michael Whitaker, the famous English show jumpers. At 21 he started to work in young horse operations with David Morley for four seasons and became involved with polo. Jason has worked for a variety of well known and established polo names including Henry Brett and four years working for Claire Tomlinson at the famous Beaufort Polo Club. Jason is well travelled and has played 0-16 goal polo in England, Ireland, Spain, Australia and New Zealand, including five seasons as polo manager for the Brinks Polo Team in Auckland. Jason's immense practical knowledge and skills include equine husbandry, polo breeding programs and nutritional knowledge. As well as playing polo, Jason particularly enjoys making young horses. He is currently playing off 1-Goal and is a qualified C-Grade Umpire.



Jason will be greeting members at the opening season Welcome Drinks scheduled for **Saturday 16 April** at the beautiful Gravetye Manor.



Christmas Opening Hours

18 December

13:00 Ann Ross Cup @ Ash Farm
19:00 Christmas Dinner, Crown at Turners Hill



19 December

Lessons @ Landfall
11:30 Mince Pie Novice Challenge with mince pies & mulled wine for all



Thursday 23rd December to Saturday 1st January
CLOSED FOR CHUKKAS



Sunday 2nd January 2011

Re-open for Chukkas.



New Year Away Tournament @ RCBPC

We will be entering a team from Sussex to play at the Royal Berkshire in the New Year. Entry is a very reasonable £170 per team. More details to follow but **contact Sallie Anne if you would like to play.**

Ann Ross Cup @ Ash Farm

Doug Ross has set up a surprise birthday tournament for his mother, Ann Ross, that will be held at Ash Farm on **Saturday 18 December at 1.00 PM**. Doug's mother will be flying in for the surprise tournament from her home country, Canada, that day and everyone is invited to come along and support Doug & the 'PEGS'!



Practice makes perfect

Not only do Foot Mallets enable you to perfect your swing at every opportunity at home (either on foot or on a bicycle!) they also make a great Christmas prezzie. We have 30" and 31" short sticks in stock priced at £30. Contact Sallie Anne on sa@sussexpolo.co.uk. Don't forget we are open for lessons in the arena over Xmas and chukkas from 2nd January.



Mince Pie Challenge

The inaugural Novice Challenge match will take place in the Sussex Polo Arena on **Sunday 19 December at 11.30 am**. There will be a bottle of champers for the winners plus mulled wine & mince pies for all to keep the cockles warm!



Picture this....

Polo portraits of your loved one make an ideal Christmas present. With Christopher's wonderful eye for crisp and clear action shots that are beautifully lit and composed. (see 'Never Surrender' where Christopher captured Mario breaking his stick head & using the grip to hit the ball, right). Be sure to order now in time for Christmas: www.christophergphotography.co.uk



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Last orders please!

Last orders for your supper choices for the Sussex Polo Christmas at The Crown at Turners Hill on **Saturday 18 December** at 7.00 PM. **Don't forget** to bring a little something fun for the Secret Santa sack too (to the value of around £5). Menu choices in the covering e-mail. **Please send your menu choices in by return to sa@sussexpolo.co.uk.**



The New Summer Season....

...is already looking very exciting and gets off with a grand start with Welcome Drinks at the beautiful and luxurious Gravetye Manor, scheduled for **Saturday 16 April** from **5.00 - 7.00 PM.**

Gravetye is undergoing a fabulous make-over this spring costing £2.5 million: the whole hotel is being polished up without losing its unique character and those of you joining us for drinks on the 16 April will be amongst the very

first to see the newly refurbished country house hotel and restaurant.

To go with the glamorous new look, the dress code for the evening will be Cocktail Attire.

First Chukkas

Weather permitting, first chukkas are scheduled for Wednesday 20 April.



Paparazzi

Looking for a stocking filler for Christmas? Buy the Autumn Edition of Polo Magazine which features Sussex Polo on 5 pages including cover-

age of the Brolley Charity Cup, Wild Wild West Party and Young Player profile.

How you doin'?

Sussex Polo would like to hear your news! Let us know what you are up to this winter... If you are buying any new ponies, moving house or making New Year's Resolutions!

Send in your best pictures for us to publish in the newsletter!

Snowbound!

Pictures from the recent snowy weather at Landfall....



And finally.....

Warm wishes for the festive season and thank you for your support in 2010. We hope you have a fabulous Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2011 for winter & summer polo, all year round! From all the team HO HO HO xxxx



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